Bonded Child Labour

3034. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the bonded child labour in any States and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have framed any national laws to free and rehabilitate the bonded children and to prosecute the employers;

(c) whether Government have initiated any steps to check and eradicate the child labour in textiles and fire work industries;

(d) whether Government have recognised any connection in terms of caste discrimination and bondage, and

(e) whether Government consider to urge the State Governments to enforce child labour and bonded labour laws strictly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 does not make any discrimination amongst child bondage and adult bondage. No separate data on child bondage is provided by the State Governments. However, number of bonded labourers identified an released by the State Governments so far are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government have enacted Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 and Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, to provide for abolition of Bonded Labour System and prohibition and regulation of the Child Labour. These Acts contain provisions for prosecution of offenders.

(c) The Government have been implementing a Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in child labour endemic states for the benefit of children withdrawn from hazardous employment including textile and fire works. Under the Scheme, special schools have been set up in the child labour endemic districts with the provision for non formal/formal education, vocational training, stipend, nutrition and health care etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Government have been continuously urging up on the State governments to enforce and implement provisions contained in Bonded Labour and Child Labour laws strictly in their respective jurisdictions.

Statement

Number of Bonded Labourers Identified and Released bonded so far

Name of the State	No. of bonded labourers Identified and Released
Andhra Pradesh	36,289
Bihar	13,112
Karnataka	63,373
Madhya Pradesh	12,822
Orissa	49,971
Rajasthan	7,478
Tamil Nadu	65,573
Maharashtra	1,398
Uttar Pradesh	27,797
Kerala	823
Haryana	551
Gujarat	64
Arunachal Pradesh	3,526
Chhattisgarh	124
Punjab	69
TOTAL:	2,82,970

Compulsory insurance scheme

3035. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any compulsory insurance scheme and welfare fund for the Indian workers migrating to Gulf countries;